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McNamara to look at keeping splash pad open longer next year

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority on Sept. 24, Marsha Hollins asked why the new splash pad couldn't be kept open on week ends as long as the weather is still warm.

She said she asked the Parks and Recreation Department and they told her the DDA hired a vendor to winterize the splash pad on Sept. 16 and that wasn't their decision.

The children who wanted to enjoy the water during the hot weather after that were disappointed, Hollins said.

She asked if they couldn't look into keeping the splash pad open on Saturdays and Sundays in warm weather after school starts next year.

Hollins asked if the Memorial Day to Labor Day span of time announced for the splash pad to be open was set in stone or could it be changed.

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said he agrees that this schedule should be looked at and next year they will have another plan for the splash pad.

He said Matt Best, director of public services, now is in charge of the splash pad since the DDA turned it over to the township after it was complete.

In other business at the 22-minute meeting on Sept. 24, the DDA:

• Approved the Amended 2019 DDA Budget and the Proposed 2020 DDA Budget which will be turned over to the township board for consideration with the other budgets at its Oct. 1 meeting. DDA Director Susan Ireland said they are not sure how much it will cost to run Harris Park, so they have taken an educated guess. Also, she said, they are being conservative on the expected tax capture for next year;

• Heard Director Ireland report the DDA

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

On Monday, state dignitaries gathered at Owen Intermediate School to present the school's media center with the 2019-20 Model 21st Century School Library Award. From left are State Rep. Kristy Pagan, who emphasized this is the only media center in the state getting this award; Van Buren School Board members Amy Pearce, Kelly Owen, Susan Featheringill and her grandson Jackson, and board President Keith Johnson; Owen Media Specialist Jonathan Richards; School Supt. Pete Kudlak; State Librarian Randy Riley; State School Supt. Michael Rice; Owen Principal Jason Salhaney; and State Library Grants Coordinator Karren Reish.

Owen School wins top state award for school library

On Monday morning, officials from the State of Michigan came to Owen Intermediate School in Belleville to honor the school's library with a singular honor. They met in the newly renovated media center with a group of well-behaved sixth graders.

For the 2019-20 school year Owen will be a model for other districts to visit and study as the 21st Century School Library.

"The Owen Intermediate School Library Media Center makes use of many resources for a variety of productive collaborations with Language Arts and Social Studies educators in grades five and six," said State Librarian Randy Riley. "And, the library's focus on bringing primary sources to life helped to award it this honor."

Riley said that, for instance, school library media specialist Jonathan Richards has done impersonations of historical and mythical figures as part of collaborative Social Studies lessons about Christopher Columbus and Hades. And, for literature lessons based on Chinese American author Lawrence Yee, Richards introduced students to a collection of Chinese art and currency to broaden their experience of the novel "Dragonwings."

Riley commended Richards and former Principal Melissa Lloyd for providing such quality immersive learning experiences to students in Van Buren Public Schools.

"Learning deeply about people through artifacts, art, and literature helps students understand the world around them," Riley said. "Owen Intermediate School strives to give that high-level experience to its students."

The Model SL 21 program recognizes particularly high-quality school libraries and library media specialists; and promotes the development of similar initiatives in other schools.

The program is based on the Library of Michigan's School Library 21st Century benchmarks. The Owen Intermediate School Library Media Center holds Exemplary status in the SL 21 program through March 2020.

Owen Intermediate School staff are available for consultation with and visits from other school librarians and educators who want to learn more about the successful program. Interested persons may contact Richards at jrichards@vanburenschools.net or Karren Reish at reishk@michigan.gov.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Soloist Jackie Sargent

Soloist Evelyn Crispell

Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

The First Missionary Baptist Church of Belleville was the first choir to perform at Saturday's Gospel Fest at the Sumpter Township pavilion. Gospel Fest was sponsored by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and the Sumpter Progressive Civic League, who hope to make it an annual event. Also scheduled to perform Saturday were Christ Temple of Ypsilanti, City of Refuge of Inkster, Ypsilanti Youth Choir, and Dany Page. Soloists Jackie Sargent and Evelyn Crispell began Gospel Fest.

Two families complain to school board on treatment of students

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Shawn Phenix, father of a six-year-old gifted and talented student at Savage Elementary, told the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education on Monday about how his son was put on a bus they didn't sign for on Sept. 5, dropped off at a location far from home, and left to fend for himself for two hours, until he found his own way home.

At Monday's meeting Phenix and his wife Shelly stood before the board to tell them the story of what happened and how they feel the district is taking the situation lightly and offering no accountability.

Phenix said their son was placed on a bus without the parents signing the required form after his wife asked questions about the bus and what bus stop he would use.

They sent out an email to put him on the bus, Phenix said of transportation officials.

"There's no room for error when you are dealing with precious cargo," he said. "It's disappointing that there has been no accountability… There's no room for error… I feel no one is taking this seriously."

Phenix said he has four text messages from last year sent to him about child predators in this area.

"A six-year-old child was abandoned on a corner," he stressed, saying there should be professional training for those involved and changes in the school district policies.

"I will be contacting Dr. Rice, the state superintendent," said Phenix. His wife said she works in human resources.

He said he was told that it was a systemic error and the person responsible for it investigated and cleared themselves.

"This is far from over," Phenix said.

Shelly Phenix said this also happened to two other students and she doesn't know if their experiences are on the books.

"Our son was able to walk back to our community and neighbors recognized him and brought him home," she said. He made his own way back home, she stressed, noting, "We don't want to be in a situation we can't recover from."

She said her son wants to get on the bus, but he screams when she goes around the corner in the grocery store out of sight. She said he had always been very confident.

"This needs to be taken seriously," she said.

School board president Keith Johnston said they are taking it seriously and a procedure was put in place so this doesn't happen again. He said he talked to her husband and he got upset and left.

"You didn't announce to parents the changes," he said.

"We don't want any child abandoned," Johnston insisted.

"For two hours he was left to his own devices and there's no incident report," Shawn Phenix said, noting Johnston probably doesn't know what it's like to fear for his child.

Johnston said, actually, he does. "A guy put a gun to my daughter's head, so I have an idea. They caught him yesterday," Johnston said, referring to a recent incident in Florida.

Board member Amy Pearce said steps have been taken at Savage and elsewhere and she asked, "You would like to see something tangible?"

Phenix said he would, like a robocall, email or however they can do it to announce the changes. Also, he said, someone needs to be held accountable and he was told no one is getting written up about his.

"What if he was injured or killed?" he said, adding he was part of the teaching community also.

"I feel when mistakes are made they should be investigated," Pearce said, noting human relations information is extremely confidential. "If someone is disciplined, you may never know."

"I will be contacting Supt. Rice and I'm sure he can get the information," he said, noting school board members and the administration work together and, understandably, are partial. "We need impartiality… It could have resulted in our son not being there," he said, adding he goes to work and then wonders if his son is safe.

"I don't want to fire someone for a systems error," Johnston said.

Then, Jacarra and Ricky Beasley spoke of their concerns on discipline in the district.

Jacarra said their daughter told them that at an assembly at BHS the students were told of extremely harsh disciplinary actions taking place in the district, which upset her.

Meanwhile, their son who is in seventh grade at McBride inserted himself into an altercation on the school bus and was given five days off the bus. She said the assistant principal told her he was lucky because he could have had to go in front of a judge and have a probation officer.

She said she is aware of "Pipeline to Prison" and doesn't want her son to be taken that direction. She said she was told because he had no previous problems, he didn't have to go to court. This involved a punch from another student, she said.

The district's Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun said years ago at BHS they had a policy of giving disorderly conduct tickets where the students would have to go before Judge Oakley at 34th District Court, but there was no record.

"There was a lot of fighting at the high school," Madyun recalls. "We'd give them days off and they would come back and fight again."

"Parents were not notified of the disciplinary actions," Jacarra Beasley said. "For a child to go before a judge is traumatic."

Amon Madyun, a BHS student who is one of two students sitting on the school board, said the high school assembly on discipline happens every year.

Jacarra Beasley said she grew up in this district and has a business in the community. She said when she feels this discipline policy is harmful to her children, "I'm out of here."

Amon said there are problems at the high school where there are harsher penalties for lower-performing students. She said the New Tech and those in the honor system are told they are better than the others and the lower kids get harsher punishment. She said they change the counselors often and students can't form a relationship.

"We have a PBIS system, but it needs more student input," said board member Pearce, referring to Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports.

"This situation for me was traumatic," said Jacarra Beasley.

HR Director Madyun agreed that the PBIS needs to be something else in the high school.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said he will find out more about this, but he assured the parents there is no probationer/court policy now.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the board:

• Learned Transportation Supervisor Kim Searcy resigned on Friday and Elizabeth Banks, who has been with the transportation department for 28 years, was named new supervisor on Monday. The board approved the change;

• Approved the Cooperative Education Program Agreement between the Van Buren Public Schools and the Washtenaw Educational Options Consortium (WEOC)

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Your right to know is in danger in MI

By Dirk Milliman
Three Rivers Commercial News

The Leaders of the Republican Caucus in the Michigan House of Representatives want to pull public notices from newspapers and allow governmental entities (cities, villages, township, counties, etc.) to satisfy notice requirements by putting them on their websites. This is an unprecedented blow to governmental transparency and due process.

A version of this legislation has been introduced in each legislative session for the past 12 years and has failed. Why? Because then, as now, it is a bad idea

From the very start, Michigan law has required that notices of governmental actions be provided to citizens by publication in newspapers, an independent source of information about the actions of government. Now, legislators are proposing to end this important check on governmental power.

The Michigan Press Association has been told that this issue is in the top five priorities of the Speaker of the House. With crumbling roads, failing schools and escalating health care costs, we fail to see government control over messaging as being on any citizen's list of priorities.

The legislators in support of this movement say that this will save money … but how? Is this the one exception to the Republican's embrace of privatization? It defies logic that government can do this better and cheaper than newspapers, who have provided this valuable check and balance for more than

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EXTRA THINGS I KNOW ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

At Monday's work/study session of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, they discussed restoring the inside of the Belleville Area Museum during the month of October. Everything inside will be gathered up and stored while the floors are redone, except for the hardwood upstairs, and the walls painted and the exhibits dismantled. It'll take all month and Master Maintenance was given the contract for $32,984. Someone else is packing up the museum and making a complete inventory of everything under a separate contract.

The museum will be closed Oct. 13-26. When asked if there was asbestos, Supervisor Kevin McNamara said it has been tested and there is none. They want the museum to be looking spiffy when the new library opens next year.

Trustee Sherry Frazier asked that they look at upgrading the doors on the old fire hall behind the museum that is now being used for museum storage. Public Services Director Matthew Best said he would talk to Museum Director Katie Dallos about the looks of the fire hall.

Last we heard, Dallos was waiting to hear on a grant application she made to get money to put in a glassed-in walkway between the museum and fire hall where the Model T and old wagon can be on display and people can admire them through the windows from both Fourth and Roys streets.

Then they came to the agenda item about the new sign in front of the museum. The same company that is doing the LED sign in front of the township hall has been contracted to do the museum sign. It was planned to be LED, too, so the messages could be changed and people could be advised of events going on in the museum. But, Best explained, they contacted the city and found there is an ordinance that would not allow that to be an LED sign and so they are planning to have it be a nice lighted sign.

"The city does not want a digital sign there," Best said. "It can light up at night, but not be electronic."

"I called our friends in Belleville," McNamara said, adding he got the same answer.

But Trustee Frazier and Trustee Reggie Miller said the township didn't ask for an exception. Miller said they also should ask the library to join in on the sign so they can share it to put out information.

"They're asking us to abide by their rules," Best said and Frazier accused him of not doing his homework. Best said he contacted the Belleville DDA and the City of Belleville and couldn't change their minds.

But when Frazier and Miller persisted, McNamara said he would postpone the agenda item on the sign and he pulled it from the Oct. 1 regular agenda. He said he wanted to spend the money in the budget for the sign by Jan. 1.

The man putting up the sign said delaying the decision two weeks probably wouldn't be a problem, but this late in the year you have to consider the weather.

McNamara said he would contact the City of Belleville to discuss the matter.

Frazier said early in the discussion that the schools in the city all have electronic signs, but I reminded her that the school can do anything it wants and the city doesn't have to approve it.

Also, the city gave itself permission to put up the electronic sign at Main and High streets, but at the time of the discussion, that location was chosen because it was at an intersection where people had to stop for the light and so had time to read the information. The sign isn't supposed to distract people from driving safely, they agreed.

So, I wonder how they will respond to VBT's desire for another electronic sign just a block away, in front of the problematic pedestrian crossing that has people charging out into traffic, depending on vehicles to stop on a dime for them because the sign says they have to. I can imagine a driver reading the sign while driving along Main in front of the museum and not seeing the pedestrian stepping out. Actually, I've seen bicyclists riding out into the pedestrian crossing there to have cars stop for them.

It will be interesting to see if the city sticks to its ordinance. If it doesn't, it won't be able to avoid LED signs all up and down Main Street, something they wanted to avoid.

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Editorial

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150 years.

A quick glance at some local government websites doesn't give one comfort that things will be done well under this new scheme. A couple of shining examples: one township website lists among its elected officials a Congressman who has been deceased for several years. Another has not updated meeting agendas since 2014.

We have long advocated that these notices belong in newspapers and protect due process in Michigan. We do, however, acknowledge that they also need to be distributed digitally and are working hard with our members to make sure that they are accessible on a computer, mobile device AND in print. This increases transparency and protects your right to know what government officials are doing with your taxpayer dollars.

Citizens of this state have been the victim of Equifax, Capitol One, The Department of Veterans Affairs and many other online entities as their personal online information has been compromised. The information you trust local leaders to provide to you regarding your taxes, property and other important issues in your community shouldn't be made vulnerable to a similar fate.

Even if the lack of security is not considered, the lack of connectivity should be. Michigan ranks 30th in the nation for broadband connectivity. Rural areas still pose a challenge for those trying to use the internet.

Public notices belong in a public place, like a local newspaper, not on a government website, which can also disenfranchise certain users, like low-income individuals who do not have access to the Internet, or the elderly who are not comfortable using the Internet. Having to look for notices on each individual government site would be laborious at best and a good way to conceal information at worst.

We at Michigan newspapers take the responsibility of keeping you informed very seriously. Whether it be making sure Freedom of Information and Open Meetings laws are being followed or proper notice of things like zoning that might put a landfill in your neighborhood is happening. We remain the vital watchdogs we always have been in our communities.

If knowing that an independent, reliable source is watching what elected officials are doing with your taxpayer dollars is important to you please consider contacting your state Representative and Senator and letting them know you want to keep seeing your public notices where you notice … in a newspaper.

Dirk Milliman is the Public Policy Committee Chairman of the Michigan Press Association.

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Letters

'Adrian's FB Live' for citizens in Sumpter Twp.

To the editor:

This group is on Face Book for the convenience of the citizens of Sumpter Township, so they can view the meetings and make comments or ask questions for the next meeting.

We have a lot of citizens that do not have Comcast or have problems with viewing of this provided service. This is being made available as an additional means for the citizens.

Adrian Slaughter
Citizen of Sumpter Township

You're invited to Halloween dinner/dance

To the editor:

Everyone is invited to the St. Anthony Men's Club fund raiser, Halloween dinner/dance/raffle on Saturday, Oct. 19, at St. Anthony's Father Folta Building.

Doors open at 6 p.m.; cocktails at 7 p.m.; dinner at 8 p.m.; dancing until midnight. Come in costume and snag a prize for "best" couple, male, female.

Dinner/dance tickets are $20 each and only 200 tickets are available.

It also is the night of our 50th-anniversary raffle. Raffle tickets are $50 each or three for $100. Grand prize is $5,000, and there are three other money winners. Only 400 tickets are printed. The drawing will be held between 9 and 10 p.m. Oct. 19 and you do not need to be present to win.

For tickets, contact Garden Fantasy on Main Street, (734) 691-7400, or any Men's Club member.

Pete Pitzen
St. Anthony Men's Club member

There is hope yet for real change

To the editor:

I just wanted to say how pleasantly surprised I was to read Barbara Zysk-Berman's synopsis of the Robert Mueller Report. This was a refreshing change to see someone who actually followed the details closely and she and her book club members were able to critically evaluate the report!

Ms. Zysk-Berman, when one takes the time as yourself and your club members to do the reading and research, there is no other conclusion to be had than yours. This report has been lain out with painstaking details that are congruent within the checks and balances system as a part our Constitution!

It is refreshing to read a letter in the *Independent* that does not sound like a regurgitation of the average Fox News watcher. There is hope yet for real change!

Dawn M. Day
Belleville

More Letters

Senate should approve money for paper ballots

To the editor:

First of all, let me say, it is unconscionable that this letter even needs to be written. We shouldn't have to put pressure on the Senate to protect our elections.

There was clear evidence, as indicated by investigative reporting and cited in the Mueller Report, the Russians interfered in our 2016 election. In the Report, we were told Russia interfered with our election through a social media blitz, hacking the Democratic Party and Clinton networks and the public release of that information. (Mueller Report, V1, pg. 4) Connections existed between Julian Assange, Wiki Leaks and the GRU (Russian Intelligence) which facilitated the hacked material's release. Of importance, Mueller was asked during Congressional hearings whether Russian interference is on-going today. His comment "They're doing it as we sit here" was chilling. Mueller warned Congress that a robust effort is needed to protect against future interference.

So why is the Senate holding up the funds to protect our elections? I don't believe most Republican MOCs (member of Congress) want a Russian-influenced election, but "they do want to remain in power." In this power grab, Senator McConnell is, once again, earning the nickname "Moscow Mitch."

We know our elections are under threat, and simple solutions like paper ballots and robust audits would help secure our vote. The House passed $600 million for election security efforts in states and municipalities. It's time for the Senate to do the same.

Also, these funds would help deter election irregularities in states like North Carolina and Georgia. It takes time for districts to use the funds provided for election security. Is it a ploy to give communities the money when it is too late for election boards to use wisely?

Call your Senator to demand action "now."

Barbara Zysk-Berman
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Interesting dates from Belleville Area Museum:

- April 6, 1835 – Van Buren Township is established.
- April 6, 1840 – Sumpter Township is established.
- May 31, 1905 – Belleville officially separates from VBT.
- May 14, 1946 – Belleville becomes a city.

"Out of clutter, find simplicity."
– Albert Einstein

London Twp. working to get municipal water

To the editor:

London Township residents have joined together in pursuit of a municipal water system for their community. Members of the group have been researching water systems in neighboring communities and gathering data since January.

They visited Whiteford Township's newly launched water treatment plant and met with The City of Monroe. Conversation has taken place with Exeter Township since Exeter installed approximately 30 miles of water main over the past ten years. Group members believe this research will provide them the opportunity to build on their neighbor's experiences and implement best practices in London Township.

The London Township Board of Trustees is supporting this grass-roots effort and has approved Mannik Smith Group to complete a preliminary engineering report. When complete, the report will provide the community with details regarding a recommended water source, maps of proposed distributions systems, and associated costs. It will take several months to finalize, but when complete the residents will have a clear understanding of a proposed plan and associated financial obligations.

The group is trying to engage residents throughout the entire township and gain support for implementation of a safe, municipal water system for as many residents as possible at the lowest possible cost. Public question and answer sessions are being held at the London Township hall. The meetings are broadcast live on the London Township Facebook page. Stop by for information, ask questions, etc.

Facebook page, "London Township Resident's Safe Water Initiative," has informational documents posted for all to view. A Facebook account is not required to view the page. The group can also be reached by email at londontownshipwater@gmail.com.

London Township residents are highly encouraged to visit the page, stay informed, and share their thoughts.

London Township Water Committee

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Obituaries

Carl Edward Arnett

CARL EDWARD ARNETT
(August 18, 1956 -- September 23, 2019)
Carl Edward Arnett, age 63, long-time Belleville resident, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, Monday, September 23, 2019 at his home.
He was born August 18, 1956 in Champaign, Illinois, son of Harold E. & Betty Joanne (Carter) Arnett. Carl graduated from Ferris University with his Bachelor's of Criminal Justice and completion of the Police Academy. His first police position was Chief of Police of Northport, MI in the summer of 1980 before accepting a position with Belleville Police Department. He proudly served the City of Belleville as a Police Officer and Range Instructor, and Detective Corporal with the Michigan State Police in the Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit. He served for 27 years total, before retiring in 2008.
He enjoyed watching University of Michigan football and the Detroit Red Wings hockey teams. During the 1980s he served as Assistant Coach of the Belleville Cougar football team and was still called "Coach" by many who knew him.
Carl received many citations throughout his career -- The Silver Star for Bravery by the American Police Hall of Fame in 1986, A Life Saving Medal issued by the Sumpter Township Police Department in 1987, the Police Heart Award for injury sustained while engaged in the honorable performance of his duties issued by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Service Award for outstanding service by the Belleville Police Department in 1995.
Survived by his devoted wife Dreama Lynn (Smith) Arnett, son Roy Edward Arnett of Belleville, sister Melia (John) Himich of Manchester, MI, brother John (Catherine) Arnett of Maryland, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Joe (Diane) Smith of Tennessee, Brenda (Ralph) Turner, Carroll (Jeannie) Smith, Curtis (Stephanie) Smith, Kathy (Leroy) Paige, Randy (Tena) Smith, all of Belleville, MI; also numerous nephew, nieces, friends, neighbors and colleagues. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Betty Arnett, and also his daughter Clarise Lynn Arnett.
Dignified cremation rites have been accorded.
A Celebration of Life will be 1:00 PM Thursday, October 10, 2019, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. The family will greet guests from Noon until the time of sharing.
In lieu of flowers, donations to Thin Blue Line would be greatly appreciated.
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Hedwig Schroeder

HEDWIG SCHROEDER
(May 8, 1925 -- September 21, 2019)
Hedwig Schroeder, 94, passed away peacefully at her residence on Saturday morning, September 21, 2019.
Hedwig was born in Austria and came to the United States with her husband and two daughters in 1951. Their first move was to California, and it was her favorite state due to its mild climate. But wanting to live near her children brought her to take up residence in other states, Colorado, and, in the last 17 years, Belleville, Michigan.
She is survived by two daughters, Hedwig "Hedy" (Jerry) Ricciardo of Sumpter Township, MI, and Raymunde (Steve) Crumpton of Colorado Springs, CO, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.
She is predeceased by her husband, Raymund Schroeder, parents, Anton and Gertraud Aichner, siblings, Antonia Aichner, Marianne Aichner, Agathe (Franz) Stieglmayr, and Remigius (Ella) Aichner, all of Austria.
She traveled to Austria frequently to renew both family and friendship ties and to visit various shrines and churches in both Austria and Italy.
Hedwig loved her family more than anything in the world, and she considered it her mission in life to pray for them always. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, and, until recently, never missed attending Sunday Mass. She will be missed by her family, her parish, and her longtime neighbors in Belle Villa Lake and Meadows.
A Memorial Mass and celebration of her life will take place when her family convenes in her honor sometime in the near future. Date to be announced in St. Anthony Catholic Church Bulletin.

Mary Regina Cymes

MARY REGINA CYMES
(July 2, 1942 -- September 30, 2019)
Age 77, of Van Buren Township. Died peacefully in Westland on Monday morning, September 30, 2019.
Mary is the beloved mother of Drina (Steve) Harris of Belleville; Loving companion of John Cymes for over sixty years; cherished grandmother of Melissa (Gary) Herndon of Louisiana, Mary (Charlie) Shopshear of Gaylord, Jonathon (Alina) Brooks of Ann Arbor and Loki Harris of Hamtramck; dear great-grandmother of Corey Shopshear, Hussein Baiz, Mariam Baiz, Lilly Shopshear, Sabrina Baiz, Lucas Brooks, Charlie Shopshear Jr. and Lucy Herndon. Mary is also the loving sister of Donna Vailleneourte of Melvindale and Marth (Steve) Sera of Linden. Sadly, she is preceded by her son, Timothy Cymes (d. 1997).
A longtime Belleville-area resident, Mary was a very active parishioner of St. Anthony's Church by being the office manager of St. Anthony's school, help with coordination church blood drives and by being involved with maintaining the beauty of the church and its grounds. She was an avid cat fancier, owning numerous cats over the years. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading and watching the Home Shopping Network. She was very loved and will be truly missed.
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, October 12, 2019 in the chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville (734) 697-4500. The Cymes family will greet guests from 10 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. service.
Visiting hours have also been arranged for Friday, October 11, from noon until 5 p.m.
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JOEL NICHOLAS POSEGAY
(June 21, 1933 -- September 28, 2019)
Age 86, of Belleville. Survived by wife of 61 years, Mary (nee Smrcka); children Kathy Briggs, Daniel Posegay, and Mary Jo Martin; 6 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; siblings James Posegay and Carol Sturtz. Funeral was Oct. 2 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.
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Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Oct. 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Oct. 8 – September Days Senior Center Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Oct. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Oct. 10 – Keystone Academy board meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Oct. 14 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

• Tuesday, Oct. 15 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, Oct. 16 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

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Sumpter Twp. Board approves financial audit with top rating

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Rana Emmons, CPA, of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel of Plymouth, presented the annual financial audit for Sumpter Township for the 2018-19 fiscal year, ending March 31.

The budget is about $9 million, according to figures released in March.

She said Sumpter got an "unmodified opinion" which means it is a clean audit and a top rating.

At the regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Emmons said property taxes were up 1.7% because of taxable value increases, state shared revenue was up 4.9% to $30,000 (it had been 2% for years), and interest is $19,000 more (1.5 times what they took in last year) because rates went up some, and building permits doubled from the year before.

She said the building permits were mostly from Rawsonville Woods "and another development."

Emmons said things were stable in the police department except for the $111,000 up in pension. She said the general fund was stable and came in $500,000 under budget which was added to the fund balance.

She stated figures for the Water and Sewer Department, with depreciation alone some $700,000 and cash flow increasing. She said last year they were $68,000 down and this year they went up.

There is no new debt and $460,000 in principal has been paid.

Emmons said the township has $9.6 million in total pension liability and $7.3 million in assets, leaving $2.3 million in net pension liability.

She said the stock figures are tested on Dec. 31, 2018 and the stocks were down that day, leaving a net investment loss for that day.

She said the township has 76% funded in the pension fund, "probably exceeding most communities … You contributed more than what the state requires … and put in extra every month, adding $260,000 extra this year."

Township attorney Rob Young said the Water and Sewer Department had $692,860 depreciation loss and they really should back that out which makes for $460,000 cash flow.

"It's a bookkeeping loss," Young said. "Not out of pocket."

And, he said, as to the December 2018 stock prices, he said MERS makes that investment and the township doesn't define where it goes.

Treasurer Ken Bednark said the single largest revenue is Carleton Farms landfill and the revenue has been declining year after year and he wanted it on the record.

Emmons said she didn't have those figures with her.

Treasurer Bednark said the revenue from the landfill is down a couple hundred thousand dollars.

Trustee Matthew Oddy said the numbers should show revenues up from the landfill. He said the income has been up since 2011 and now decreased for the last two years.

They asked for a report on the landfill revenue for the next meeting.

At the March 12 township board meeting, Scott Holtz, who was township financial director at the time, told the board that the landfill royalties that are $2.6 million in the budget, currently were down 12%.

Trustee Don LaPorte said the police department retirements raised the pension loss.

The board unanimously approved the audit as presented by Emmons.

In other business at the Sept. 24 meeting, the board:

• Approved the Building Department Fee Schedule to be effective Oct. 1;

• Approved assignment of the deputy clerk and the clerk's assistant as administrators of the Sumpter Township Website;

• Approved nine Parks and Recreation Commission members to attend the Michigan Festival and Events Association convention from Oct. 31 to Nov. 3 at Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Bay City, with costs not to exceed $3,500. Attendance was approved for Mark Argo, Dawn Argo, Richard Pokerwinski, Sharon Pokerwinski, Don Swinson, Holly Swinson, Krystal Tackett, Faith Tackett, and Drusilla Allen;

• Approved a memo of understanding between Sumpter Township and AFSCME Local 1882 concerning the use of a temporary employee in the office of township clerk. The employee is filling in while the regular employee is on maternity leave. Hourly rate shall be $16.85 and the temporary employee shall not work more than 40 hours a week and no more than a total of 90 days;

• Approved paying warrants totaling $2,410,848.19 with a roll-call vote;

• Heard Trustee Tim Rush announce National Weather Service training at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 24, at Fire Station #1;

• Heard Clerk Esther Hurst announce Zywicki Greenhouse again has brought potted chrysanthemums to decorate the township hall's front door for fall. She expressed the township's thanks for the gift;

• Heard Adrian Slaughter invite the public to watch the board meetings live on Facebook. She sets up her cellphone on a tripod at each meeting and sends it out to township residents unable to attend the meetings because many do not have Comcast, where the township posts its meeting, or have problems with the Comcast service. She said people can comment on the meetings and she will bring the comments back to the meeting and ask the questions. She also asked if the township had a drone ordinance since one flew over her property. Public Safety Director Eric Luke told her she does not own the airspace above her property so they have no rules on drones. He said the FAA has rules around airports. He said laws have not caught up to technology. "I'll deal with that on my own," Slaughter said and Luke said, "Please don't take a shotgun" and Slaughter assured him she wouldn't;

• Heard Slaughter also urge residents to support the UAW members who are on strike. She said she is a UAW member and supports the strikers. She said when residents go by a picket line to blow their horns or say nothing, but don't say nasty things. She said residents can donate at the picket lines or at the union halls to buy food for the strikers. She said the closest picket lines are at the GM facilities at 2625 Tyler Rd. in Ypsilanti, 50000 Ecorse Rd. in Van Buren Township, and at Romulus Transmission on Ecorse west of Wayne Road. "There are a lot of auto workers in Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren Township," she said. "They spend money in the communities … and they won't have money to spend if they don't give us what is promised," she said of GM;

• Heard Miss Harris ask how she could get a videotaped copy of a past meeting. Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis said the meetings are not archived and that night's meeting is the only one she could get if she asked. "I guess I'm out of luck," Harris said; and

• Heard Mary Ban praise the previous Saturday's VFW celebration of its 75th anniversary of Post 4434 on Bemis Road. She said the man who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam gave a moving speech and she thinks young people should hear this history. "Socialism? Communism? They haven't a clue," Ban said. "PTSD is real for these people. Young people are making a mockery of our country." She also said about a third of her mail in Sumpter continues to be addressed to Van Buren Township. She asked what this 48111 situation will do to affect voting patterns or the census or finances or other things. "He hasn't been challenged by his own board," Ban said of VBT Clerk Leon Wright who initiated the 48111 change. Ban also said she saw Paris Drive being paved the day before and Armatis told her the county had money left in the budget at the end of the year, so they did Paris Drive. Ban also said Willis Road is now smooth. She has been trying to get Sumpter Road resurfaced from Hull to Bemis for two years since it is splitting apart.

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VBT Planners set Oct. 23 public hearing on Master Plan change

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

To make way for Scott Jones' planned residential development next to Sandy's Marina on the lake, a public hearing has been set for 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 23, for the Van Buren Township Planning Commission to hear public input and then vote on the proposed amendment to the Master Plan.

On Aug. 5, the township board of trustees approved distributing the future land use map amendment for the Jones' property at 41620 E. Huron River Dr. to adjacent communities for the required 42-day review and comment period.

After this period, the application requires a public hearing to be conducted by the planning commission, who would then make a recommendation to the township board which would make a final decision.

The next regularly scheduled planning commission meeting after the review and comment period is complete is Oct. 23.

At the regular planning commission meeting on Sept. 25, the commission voted unanimously to set the public hearing for Oct. 23.

McKenna planning consultants provided a revised Future Land Use Map which depicts the property at 41620 E. Huron River Dr. as RM, Multiple Family Residential with a note which states, "Land uses should be limited for parcel 83-089-99-0010-702 to single family detached dwellings at a maximum density of 6-7 single family dwelling units per acre. Due to the adjacent land uses multiple family housing is not suitable for this area."

On the projected timeline for the Jones' project, the township board would consider the Master Plan amendment at its Nov. 4 work/study session and Nov. 5 regular meeting, when board members would make a decision.

Then, a public hearing for rezoning of property would be held before the planning commission on Dec. 11 and planners would vote on a recommendation to the township board. The township board would consider the rezoning at its Jan. 6 work/study session and then vote on the first reading of the ordinance amendment at its Jan. 7 regular meeting, with the second reading and final adoption at its Jan. 21 meeting.

In other business at its 34-minute meeting on Sept. 25, the commission:

• Held a public hearing and then recommended to the township board rezoning of two properties of about an acre each at 791 Savage Rd. and 13720 Martinsville Rd., from M-1 Light Industrial to R1-B, single family residential. Jody Ihlenfeldt, who owns the Savage Road property, and Guy Menyhert, who owns the Martinsville Road property, took advantage of the township's offer to rezone without charge parcels in that area that were changed to M-1 in the 1980s by the township, but are used as residential parcels. "This is to make a correction," said Vidya Krishnan of McKenna planners;

• Held a public hearing on requested rezoning of an 80' wide by 595' deep strip (6.53 acres total) that runs along the north side of the DTE parcel at 8001 Haggerty Rd. and then voted to recommend to the township board the rezoning from C-1, General Business, to M-1, Light Industrial. The parcel is in the middle of an Industrial corridor and Krishnan explained the rezoning is to clean up the property and correct the split-zone parcel. DTE has no planned use for this strip, but it is proposing construction of an Alternate System Operation Center (ASOC) on its main property site. The proposed building will function as a back-up facility for the DTE Downtown Campus Electrical Systems Operation Center (ESOC). Judy Pendergrass, DTE project manager, said the ASOC will be a back-up facility in the event the primary ESOC is inaccessible/inoperable. The construction of this facility is a requirement set forth by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation; and

• Heard Chuck Reavis of 1043 Savage Rd. ask if it is too late to take advantage of the free rezoning offered by the township for that area of the township. Krishnan said it was a one-time offer to do the rezonings without fees, but she would ask Director Matt Best about Reavis' request. Reavis said the property was zoned M-1 when they bought it.

Life Chain set on Main St. from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6

Belleville Church of God members will be meeting at Main Street and Five Points in Belleville from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6, to form a Life Chain.

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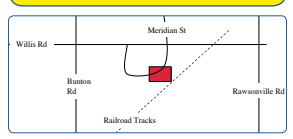

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The new, $1 million splash pad at Van Buren Township's Quirk Park opened on Aug. 23 and would close at the end of the day on Sunday, Sept. 15, the day this picture was taken.

VBT DDA

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has been doing grass cutting around the new pedestrian path over I-94. She said the MDOT had the dead evergreens removed and there are approximately 15 trees that will be replaced in the spring;

• Heard Ireland report a cleaning crew was scheduled to clean the Harris Park (Placemaking) building on Sept. 30, so furniture installation by HLF will be after that. They are working on the technology, but AT&T has been slow, she said. Appliances and other supplies, as well as blinds for the windows, are being ordered. A final walk-through will be made after the cleanup;

• Heard Ireland also report that they are using the township's conference room application rules as a template for the Harris House rules, which are being put together. She also is changing some locks and putting in additional security fencing;

• Learned meetings of the DDA board will probably start being held at the Harris House after the first of the year. Ireland and Deputy Director Lisa Lothringer are preparing their offices at township hall for the move to the new building;

• Learned work is being delayed by Wade Trim on the new Capital Improvement Plan as it waits for the last pieces of the puzzle. After the proposed plan is sent to DDA members for review and suggestions, it will be placed on a DDA agenda for approval;

• Learned streetlight replacement parts are being sent to the DDA as each part is available. Ireland said the longest wait will be for the pole itself. She said when the DDA is in receipt of all the necessary pieces, the pole that is down in front of Express Tire will be replaced; and

• Heard Lothringer report on email, social media, and other publicity pieces that are advertising the DDA district. She said the recent Public Safety Day was a huge success with the largest attendance they ever had. About 500-600 people were estimated to have been at the event between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. She said they went through the first round of 320 hot dogs by 11:45 a.m. and ran over to Walmart to purchase an additional 100 hot dogs which were gone before 1 p.m. She said the Lions Club brought their Mobile Vision Testing trailer and referred three to the eye doctor. Also, LEEP Child ID was on site again and said once again they saw more kids than the prior year. LEEP no longer has a grant to bring the service and so Lothringer said she is working to see if a grant is available.

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Charles Adams prayed with the UAW Local 174 strikers at noon on Sunday at their strike location in front of the General Motors facility on Ecorse Road in Van Buren Township, just north of Willow Run Airport. It was Solidarity Sunday and a very rainy day, so they were in a tent. On that day the strikers had been on the picket lines for 14 days.

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Friends are hosting a benefit spaghetti dinner to help from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Belleville Moose Lodge, at the corner of Sumpter and Harris roads.

Cischke is receiving radiation treatments five days a week and chemotherapy once a week. He has been cutting lawns, but he cannot work during this time.

On Oct. 20, they will be serving spaghetti and meatballs, salad, rolls, and dessert. A cash bar will be available with soft drinks, water, and adult beverages. There also will be a 50/50 raffle and a Chinese auction for gift baskets.

"Any and all donations are appreciated," said Iris Leahy, a neighbor on Willis Road, who is organizing the fund raiser, with her daughter-in-law Cyndi, 752-5071.

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Bill Abraham brought his "Nightmare on Haunted Hill" trailer to the parking lot of the Sumpter Township Hall on Sept. 24 during the township board meeting. Before the meeting, people were able to walk through the trailer which featured animated creatures, including zombies and clowns, with flashing eyes and scary sounds. He was promoting what he called a "family" film made in Sumpter Township based on a true story. The events are believed to have taken place on a Sumpter farm that is on an old Indian reservation on Oct. 30 and 31, 2009. The film features retired Sumpter Supervisor Johnny Vawters, a Sumpter police officer, and many local teenagers. It is available to see at www.anightmareonhauntedhill.com at a rental cost of $4.99.

Amanda Greene begins college at Univ. of Iowa with accomplished class

The University of Iowa recently welcomed the most academically accomplished class in its 172-year history.

Included among the UI's Class of 2023 -- a group that is a little less than 5,000 in total number -- is Amanda Greene of Van Buren Township, a first-year student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

This fall's incoming undergraduate class at the UI topped previous records in achievement with a higher average high school GPA, at 3.76, than any previous class. The average high school GPA for the Classes of 2022 and 2021 - the two previous bests - were 3.71 and 3.69, respectively.

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and Washtenaw Intermediate School District. This is the first year of VBPS partnership with Eastern Michigan University's Early College Alliance which allows Van Buren to have an early college program for BHS students at EMU. Students who are freshman through seniors may choose this path, which could earn them 60 college credits without cost to their families. All of the state aid for each of these students goes to EMU, but they are considered Van Buren students, although they attend classes at EMU 100% of the time. Curriculum Director Jeff Moore said eight sophomores want to do this;

• Approved a request for about 225 sixth graders from Owen Intermediate to go to YMCA Camp Copneconic in Fenton on Nov. 12-15, with additional 10th, 11th, and 12th grade counselors. Cost to students is $200 and a fund raiser was available. Transportation is by VBPS buses;

• Approved hiring teachers Melisa Hiuser for Owen Intermediate as of Sept. 30 and Kelly Zmudczynski for Edgemont Elementary as of Oct. 7;

• Approved the resignations of non-instructional staff: Amanda Smith of Edgemont as of Sept. 25 for relocation after less than a year of service; and Kimberly Umphrey from Transportation as of Oct. 4 after less than a year of service, for a job offer;

• Approved hiring Deanna Schrecengost as a district paraprofessional as of Sept. 12; and George Tibu as a district IT specialist as of Oct. 7;

• Heard Linda Clayton thank the school for help with the recent alumni banquet. She said many more students than usual helped with this year's event, including those who gave tours of the school, helped alumni with carrying trays, sang the National Anthem, and prepared the meal through their culinary class;

• Heard presentations by the principals and staff of Rawsonville and Tyler elementary schools and Owen Intermediate on new ways of going about improving education in their schools; and

• Went into closed-door session to discuss potential action on a student discipline reinstatement request for the 2019-20 school year. The student was expelled during the 2018-19 school year. When the board came back into open session it voted to reinstate student 18-19-011 with conditions.

Former South Middle School teacher tells what's in time capsule

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The time capsule buried in Victory Park on May 22, 1987 by students from South Middle School (now Owen Intermediate) was planned to be opened on Memorial Day week end in 50 years –2037.

Van Buren Township Trustee Paul White had shared a newspaper clipping about the time capsule that he had tucked away in a box and the *Independent* published the clipping in its Jan. 24 issue.

Richard Kiessel, 79, the teacher who put the whole event together, saw the clipping in a newspaper brought to him and his wife at their Roscommon-area home. It was brought to him by his daughter-in-law Diane Kiessel, the current athletic secretary at Belleville High School, during a visit.

Kiessel, who retired at the age of 55 after teaching industrial arts at South Middle School for 30 years, said he set up the time capsule event for 2 p.m. that day, since school would be out at 3 p.m.

He said Jim Richendollar was principal at the time and Principal Richendollar had his Clydesdales there to pull a wagon holding the school band. Belleville Police closed Sumpter Road and the whole school marched to Victory Park.

He said a state representative made a speech and they all sang the Star Spangled Banner.

The items put into the 2'x14"x14" time capsule box included: mint coins, samples of all the stamps available, sports cards (one worth $300 at the time), letters from the supervisors of Van Buren and Sumpter township describing what they thought Belleville would look like in 2037, color pictures of cars being sold by local car dealerships, letters from kids, and photographs collected by a woman who was very active in the community.

There was a flyover of the event which was recorded on VCR, Kiessel said.

David C. Brown Funeral Home donated a cement baby vault to protect the items and a special sealer sealed it all up.

It was buried just a couple of feet down, he said, noting after the kids left, the city used big machinery to dig the hole deeper to make it more secure.

It's in the park behind Victory Station, probably under the playscape, but the exact location has been turned over to city officials for their information in the years to come.

Kiessel said the stamps, coins, and sports cards will have value when they are dug up in 2037, so he has put it in his will that the city will get 25% of the proceeds of the sale of the items, the school district will get 25%, and half will go to his family, to help pay for what he invested in the project.

His daughter-in-law Diane has all the paperwork on the project, he said.

He said he did recognize some of the names in the news story on the event. He said, at another time, one of his classes had a candy sale to earn money to construct six oak and steel seats around the lake. He said those are gone now, replaced by newer benches.

They're reading the Independent everywhere

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Wayne Co. Commission adopts $1.63 billion budget for 2019-20

Wayne County Commissioners on Sept. 19 adopted a $1.63 billion county operating budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

The new budget represents a decrease from the current year's $1.66 billion amended budget, which expires Sept. 30.

The budget is balanced for the fifth consecutive year and includes a surplus of $5.7 million.

The 2019-20 budget reflects an increase of just under $11.5 million in property tax collections and an expected increase of $2.1 million in state revenue sharing.

"The good news is we are funding some badly needed programs. The better news is that we continue to show financial responsibility in doing so," Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha Bell said.

Programs being funded under the new budget include a new countywide Violent Crimes Initiative that will include 10 sheriff's department officers and three assistant county prosecutors, at a cost of $1.9 million.

"We made it a priority to take this strong stand against violent crime and to protect our residents," Chair Bell said.

Other budget highlights include:

• An additional outreach officer to assist county military veterans.

• Accelerated road funding of $5 million, with an additional $3.5 million set aside for the township road initiative.

• Roughly $14.5 million for bonded debt service to help construct the county's new criminal justice complex.

"We worked hard with Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, his staff and department heads to develop this new budget," said Commissioner Ilona Varga, chair of the commission's Ways & Means Committee. "All that hard work means that we are again providing the services our residents deserve."

As has been their recent practice, commissioners also worked on a one-year projection for 2020-21 to guide future spending.

This year's budget process included offsite Ways & Means Committee meetings in Dearborn, Detroit and Livonia. Videos of meetings held at the committee's regular meeting room at the Guardian Building in downtown Detroit, have also been posted online at waynecounty.com.

"I am pleased that so many people were able to take part in this year's budget process," Chair Bell said. "This is a big part of our efforts to increase transparency and accountability."

The new budget takes effect Oct. 1.

This is a news release from the Wayne County Commission.

Wayne County adds new out-county veterans outreach official

Wayne County will add a new outreach official to serve veterans in Downriver and Western Wayne communities through the newly adopted county budget.

"This is something that has been sought for a long time," Commissioner Ilona Varga said. "We have a number of wonderful programs and services for our veterans but, too often, those living outside the immediate Detroit area might not have been aware of them."

The veterans outreach position is financed through the county's $1.63 billion budget for 2019-20, which goes into effect Oct. 1. The new outreach official is expected to be hired sometime after that to help veterans gain access to county programs that benefit them.

Commissioner Varga, D-Lincoln Park, is chair of the commission's Ways & Means Committee, which worked with the county executive's office to prepare the budget.

Wayne County provides job referrals, and Veterans Administration compensation and disability application services to eligible veterans and their families, including up to $1,000 in burial benefits.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the Charter Township of Van Buren-Van Buren School District in the State of Michigan who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated State agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township Clerk.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local Clerk is Monday, October 21, 2019.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 68.492) at the Charter Township of Van Buren Clerk's Office at the following place, day and times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday November 2nd from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday November 5th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Qualifications for Registration:

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age
- Resident with the Charter Township of Van Buren for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election.
- Citizen of the United States

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the Charter Township of Van Buren, Van Buren School District, Wayne County Michigan will be voting on the following millage proposal as presented and listed below:

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BONDING PROPOSAL to borrow the sum of not to exceed $35,490,000 (Thirty Five Million Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of erecting, furnishing, and equipping a new early childhood center; remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping existing school buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology in school buildings; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds, athletic fields, and sites?

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Van Buren Township Clerk's office located at 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111, by contacting the Clerk's office at 734-699-8909 or by visiting the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org where a sample of the ballot may be viewed.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's Office

Posted: September 20, 2019
Published: October 3, 2019

Community musicians want to entertain, feed public on Oct. 12

The Belleville Community Chorus and the Belleville Community Band are jointly hosting a spaghetti dinner fund raiser on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Belleville United Methodist Church.

Cost is $12 per person for a menu that includes spaghetti, garlic toast, salad, dessert, and drinks. Gluten-free pasta and vegetarian spaghetti will be available.

Entertainment will be provided by *Guten Tag* German band with vocals by chorus members. Tickets will be sold at the door only.

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The Belleville-Area Independent Website is Online! Visit us @ bellevilleareaindependent.com

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Oct. 3** – Bunco, 6-9 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd. Open to public.

• **Friday, Oct. 4** – Coffee Hour with State Senator Erika Geiss, D-Taylor, is at 10 a.m. at Olympic Coney Island, 7011 N. Wayne Rd., Westland. Senator Geiss' district is partially in Van Buren Township.

• **Friday, Oct. 4** – Van Buren Eagles #3996 at 9961 Beck Rd. will present a German Beer Hall Atmosphere for its Autumn Fest, from 5 to 10 p.m. Entertainment by the *Guten Tag* German Band. The night includes German music, dancing, sing-along, beer-tasting, dinner, and shotski. Tickets of $15 per person includes dinner and are available at the Eagles. Open to the public. Call Eagles at (734) 699-8836 or Jim Wagner at (734) 699-9050.

• **Saturday, Oct. 5 –** Library Plant Dig at 1 p.m. at the current site of the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville. Free perennials, Registration required.

• **Sunday, Oct. 6 –** Watch the 25 or so tractors drive by starting at 11 a.m. from the BYC on this year's Wayne County Young Farmer's Tractor Poker Run to raise money for Harvest for All (a foundation feeding underprivileged Americans).

• **Sunday, Oct. 6 –** Roughneck Rescue Fundraiser Dinner at Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd. Open to public.

• **Sunday, Oct. 6 –** Belleville Church of God will meet at Main Street and Five Points in Belleville from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for this year's Life Chain. This is a peaceful, prayerful, visual statement sponsored by Right to Life in communities in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties at this same time. People will be holding uniform, pre-printed signs opposing abortion.

• **Sunday, Oct. 6 –** Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park in Belleville. A brief ceremony honors those with past and present military service. The playing of "Taps" is always a part of the ceremony.

• **Monday, Oct. 7 –** Corn Hole Tournament at Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., 6-9:30 p.m. Open to public.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 9 –** Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, 5 p.m. until sold out. Carry-outs start at 4:30 p.m. Cost: $12 per person; children 12 and under $5 each. (734) 654-9020

• **Thursday, Oct. 10 –** Douglas Brown will share pictures and stories from his time photographing President Harry Truman at 7 p.m. at the Homegrown Knowledge series at the Belleville Area District Library. This is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Refreshments provided.

• **Friday, Oct. 11 –** Karaoke, 9-midnight, at Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd. Open to public.

• **Friday, Oct. 11 –** The Lakes Dental Care at 6127 Rawsonville Road is offering free dental care to people aged 18 and older from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The first 150 people will be eligible. Information: (734) 879-1903.

INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

BAZAAR & CRAFT SHOW

OCT. 11, 9am-1pm & OCT. 12, 9am-2pm. Ypsilanti Community Center, 2025 E. Clark Rd., Ypsilanti. (734) 544-3838. Lunch, raffle, treasures. 10/10

GARAGE/YARD SALE

ESTATE SALE. 85 Menlo Park Dr. Sept. 26, 27 & 28, 9am-6pm & Oct. 3, 4, & 5, 9am-6pm. Everything must go. 10/3

QUILT STORE FABRIC. October 4 & 5, 9am-3pm. 89 N. Biggs St. All fabric sale $1/yard. What a Deal! 10/03

HUGE YARD SALE. Household items, Rooster & Tea kettle collections. Plus size women's clothes. Something for everyone. 41781 Riggs Rd. Oct. 4, 5 & 6, 10am-7pm. 10/03

MULTI-FAMILY. 12872 Hannan Rd., (South of Huron River Drive & East of Haggerty). Antiques, furniture, clothes & Misc. Free stuff too! Oct. 3-6, 9am-7pm. 10/03

LARGE GARAGE SALE. Lots of old & new collectible stuff. Garage is full! Something for everyone. 24963 Martinsville Rd. Friday, Oct. 11 & Saturday, Oct. 12, 9am-5pm. Rain or shine. 10/10

2-FAMILY SALE. 19870 Wilmot. Oct. 19 & 20, 9am-4pm. Two bedroom sets, household items, small end-tables, some clothing, love seat & more. 10/17

FOR SALE

BEER & WINE LICENSE (SDM). Serious inquires only. Call or text Jackie at (313) 220-0780 10/10

M.T.D. PRO Garden Tractor. 25hp, 46" deck plus a 5hp Trac Vac. $700. (734) 740-9160 10/10

46" SNOW BLADE W/chains & weights. Fits 100 Series Deere tractors, $150. Tilting bike rack for small hitch receiver, $50. Vision Fitness folding elliptical trainer, $100. (734) 260-6451 10/17

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4-MAPLE DINING ROOM CHAIRS w/arms, $80. Black TV stand w/wheels, glass door & swivels, $15. Montgomery Ward compact refrigerator, $25. (734) 483-9656 10/17

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Background check required.
Call **734-697-0011** to inquire and schedule an appointment.

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A2Mac1 is the world's most trusted provider of benchmarking information. Through specialized data capture methods and industry-leading software solutions we have become the partner of choice for benchmarking data in the automotive industry and beyond. As a medium size company with a global staff we are seeking professional, hardworking and highly motivated individuals to join our team. Experience with automotive parts and/or services, photography, CAD and Design software experience is preferred but not required. This person must possess good communication skills, a friendly and enthusiastic disposition and be self-motivated. If you are interested in working with a fast growing innovative company please apply to any of the open positions below at https://www.indeed.com/

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Court Watching:

Preliminary exam delayed since witnesses not subpoenaed

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Sept. 25, the preliminary exam of Vincent Paul Webber, 57, at 34th District Court was delayed for a week because witnesses were not subpoenaed to testify against him.

Webber is charged with larceny in a building at the Secretary of State office in Belleville on Oct. 19, 2018. His court-appointed attorney Steven Moss asked Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green to dismiss the charges against his client since this was the day set for the preliminary exam and there were no witnesses to testify against him.

But Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Danielle Shamus explained that the officer in charge of the case, Belleville Police Officer Jeff Wickham, was present, but the woman who used to do the subpoenas for the City of Belleville retired and the new individual on the job failed to subpoena the witnesses. She asked for an adjournment for a week so they could bring in the witnesses.

Judge Green gave them another option. They could start the preliminary exam with the officer in charge right then and then adjourn the exam for three weeks, when her courtroom again handles criminal cases, giving them time to gather the witnesses.

Defense attorney Moss asked Judge Green to give him a little time to discuss the situation with the prosecutor and his client. Judge Green complied.

About 10 minutes later Moss and his client again stood before Judge Green and Moss said he had no objection to adjourning the preliminary exam for a week, which would put it in Judge David Parrott's courtroom on Oct. 2.

Moss said he has to be at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice the morning of Oct. 2, as well as in Woodhaven, but he would work something out.

Alan Delbert Hawthorne

On Sept. 25, Alan Delbert Hawthorne, 59, waived his preliminary exam on charges of operating while intoxicated-3rd and driving while license suspended-2nd on Jan. 24 in Sumpter Township. He is due at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Oct. 9 for his arraignment on the information. Hawthorne is free after posting bond of $10,000/10%. His court-appointed attorney is Edward G. Taylor.

Coty Allen Woolsey

Coty Allen Woolsey, 29, agreed to a plea deal that dismissed two felony counts of larceny from a motor vehicle on May 26, 2016 in the City of Belleville and allowed him to plead no-contest to two lesser misdemeanor charges of larceny of more than $200 but less than $1,000. He was free on $5,000 personal recognizance bond.

On Aug. 14, Woolsey explained to 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green that he had been taking Xanex in 2016 and has been in recovery with treatment for six to nine months at Jefferson House in Detroit. He said he will have a phone interview with Jefferson House to see if they will bring him in for in-house treatment.

Judge Green talked to members of the family in the court audience and then asked if they thought it would help if she ordered him into recovery and they said it would. Judge Green ordered him into Jefferson House and if he completes the program she will close the case. She expected regular reports from Jefferson House and her probation department with monitor his activities.

Jacob Clayton Land

Jacob Clayton Land, 24, waived his preliminary exam before Magistrate Lisa Martin on Aug. 14. He was bound over to circuit court to face a charge of possession of narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams on June 22, 2018 in the City of Belleville. His bond is $15,000/10% and his court-appointed attorney is Jo Irby. He was due in circuit court on Aug. 28, but he failed to appear and so a warrant was put out for his arrest and his bond was cancelled.

Dylan Edward Harden

On July 30, Magistrate Martin bound Dylan Edward Harden, 19, over for trial to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Aug. 14 after he waived his preliminary exam before her.

He is charged with receiving and concealing stolen property, receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle, and unauthorized driving away of a motor vehicle on June 17 in Sumpter Township. He is free on personal bond.

On Aug. 14, Harden pled guilty to receiving and concealing a motor vehicle and the other two charges were dismissed. He was referred to probation for a pre-sentence report. Sentencing was set for Sept. 24 by Circuit Court Judge Deborah A. Thomas.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer K. Bednark. Trustees: Swinson, LaPorte, Oddy and Rush. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/Chief of Police Luke and approximately 18 residents.

*Trustee Rush introduced Mr. Richard Pollman, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service to the Board of Trustees and attending residents. Mr. Pollman conducted a special presentation in recognition of Sumpter Township and its certification as a StormReady Community.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Bednark to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No comments were received.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2019. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2019. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the warrants totaling $683,633.11. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Swinson, LaPorte, Oddy, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Attorney Report-Young:

Twp Lawsuits & Adversarial Proceeding 13%, Insurance matters 2%, Township Board meetings 9%, Meeting with Twp Officials 4%, Water & Sewer 4%, Police, Fire & Prosecutions 22%, Ordinance & Blight 6%, Labor Contract/LOU 8%, Republic 1%, Planning 4%, Library 17%, Parks & Recreation 1%, Storm Water Management & MDEQ 1%, Contract Services 5% and Misc. 3%.

• Satellite Media Ctr/Library contract and lease development agreement approved, executed and exhibits have been updated to include subcontractor bids. Work has started. Library meeting to review contract exhibits. Expected completion of the center October, 2019.

• Blight Enforcement efforts continue in the township. Residents need to insure reporting blight issues to assist in the efforts.

• Thank you to Trustee Tim Rush on his efforts to drive the StormReady process and successful certification.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to approve the Attorney's report. Motion carried.

8. Water & Sewer Report-Morgan:

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried.

9. Police Report-Luke:

Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve the Police Report. Motion carried.

10. Building/Ordinance Report-Rush: Motion by Bednark, supported by Hurst to approve the Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried.

11. Fire Report-Januszyk:

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Fire Report. Motion carried.

*Trustee Oddy extended a big thank you to Chief Januszyk, Fire Team and Contributors for the hard work and success of the Chicken Broil held on Sunday, September 8, 2019.

12. Treasurer's Report-K. Bednark: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

*Treasurer Bednark shared that the last day residents can pay summer taxes without penalty will be Monday, September 16, 2019.

13. Supervisor Report-J. Morgan:

• Tomorrow the Lunch Box Restaurant is having a 911 Ceremony at 5:00 pm, the public is invited.

• Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue is having a fundraiser dinner at the Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road on Thursday, September 12th from 5 – 8 pm.

• Storytime hours at the library are Mondays September 9 thru October 14 at 7 pm for 4-10 year olds.

• Tuesdays and Thursdays September 10 thru October 17 at 11 am for 2-4 year olds.

• Ash Township in Monroe County has initiated a petition for drain cleanout. There will be a Drainage Board Meeting, in order to study the need for this, on September 23, 2019 at 10 am in the Community Center Gym. This is for North Branch Big Swan Creek Intercounty Drain which runs through Ash Township, Sumpter Township, Huron Township, Van Buren Township, Augusta Township and Ypsilanti Township.

Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to approve the Supervisor's report. Motion carried

14. Board Response:

• Trustee Oddy repeated his request to address one employee that is still operating as a non-bargaining unit that may need to be addressed.

• Trustee Oddy repeated concerns over the NationWide account and employees' inability to access information about their accounts and the lack of routine reports being sent to the employees.

15. Unfinished Business:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve Consider the Building Department fee schedule and application documents updates. Motion carried.

16. New Business:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve $17,549.99 for Willis Road Sanitary Sewer Lining Program. Motion carried.

17. Announcements:

18. Open Floor: Three (3) people spoke.

19. Closed Session

At 7:20 pm, Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to move to Closed Session; pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to consider attorney-client privileged material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal law.

A. Update and review the status of MAFF Union Negotiations.

B. Discuss and review the Township litigation of Futernick vs. Sumpter Township.

Roll call vote; Yay; Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Oddy and Swinson. Nay; None. Motion unanimously carried.

At 8:02 pm, Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to open the Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to direct Chief(s) Luke and Januszyk as discussed in Closed Session and accept the Attorney's update and recommendations as advised during Closed Session. Motion carried.

20. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township
Esther Hurst, Clerk
John Morgan, Supervisor
Published: October 3, 2019

Sumpter Progressive Civic League sets casino day trip to Firekeepers

The Sumpter Progressive Civic League will sponsor a casino day trip to Firekeepers Casino from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Cost is $35 and the trip includes $20 credit for premium play, $5 food voucher, snacks and 50/50 raffle.

Board the bus at 8:45 a.m. The bus departs at 9 a.m. sharp from 22971 Martinsville Rd., Belleville.

Reserve a seat by calling Christy Darty at (734) 217-9309. Make checks or money orders to: Sumpter Progressive Civic League (SPCL) and mail to: P.O. Box 434, Belleville, MI 48112-0434.

Augusta Twp. resident Joseph Cella approved as ambassador to Fiji

On Sept. 24, the U.S. Senate confirmed Joseph Cella of Augusta Township to be the ambassador to Fiji and four other Pacific island nations.

Senators voted 56-38 to approve Cella as ambassador to Fiji, an archipelago of more than 300 islands northeast of New Zealand, as well as the republics of Kiribati and Nauru, the kingdom of Tonga and Tuvalu.

Michigan Sens. Debbie Stabenow of Lansing and Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township voted no, along with most other Democrats in the chamber.

Cella was raised in Richmond, MI, in Macomb County, graduated from Hillsdale College, and lives in Augusta Township in Washtenaw County. He is married to Kristen Renee (Hemker) Cella and they have six children.

Cella led President Donald Trump campaign's Catholic advisory council during the 2016 election. Trump nominated him to the posts in February 2018.

Cella founded the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast in 2004 and has served as principal of a consulting firm, the Pontifex Group, since 2010.

He co-founded the Catholic advocacy organization Catholic Vote, which has grown to more than 700,000 members, according to a White House biography.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019
SUMPTER TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP:

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VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT:

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL OBLICATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED $35,490,000.

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained in the Sumpter Township Clerk's office, 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111, telephone: (734) 461-6201. A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the clerk's office.

Esther Hurst
Sumpter Township Clerk

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold public hearings on **Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan regarding the following items:

1. Proposed amendments to the Township's Future Land Use Map in the Township's Master Plan to change the future land use designation of the property located at 41620 E. Huron River Drive as RM, Multiple Family Residential with a note which states, "Land uses should be limited for parcel 83-089-99-0010-702 to single family detached dwellings at a maximum density of 6-7 single family dwelling units per acre.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or via e-mail at mbest@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date. All materials related to these public hearing requests are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact Van Buren Township hall at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you need assistance.

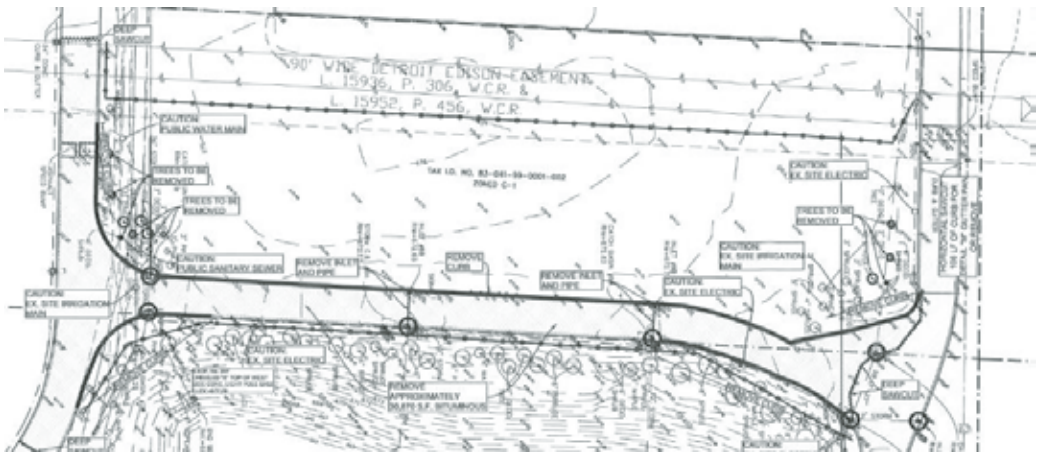
Posted: September 27th, 2019
Published: October 3rd, 2019

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to consider the following requests.

1. **Case 19-016:** A request by Ashley Crossroads South LLC, to rezone the property shown on the attached map (part of the ITC Corridor), (Parcel ID# V-125-83-041-99-0001-002) from R1-B, Single Family Residential to M-1, Light Industrial. The parcel is a narrow band of land which is part of the ITC corridor, which runs through the Ashley Crossroads South development.



Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail at mbest@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development department at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

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Minding Your Business
with Bob Mytych

The 4th-annual Gem, Mineral & Rock Super Swap and Sale, hosted by the Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society, is this week end, Oct. 4-5, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road. Admission and parking are free as there will be collectors and exhibitors that will swap, sell and buy minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry, lapidary materials, beads, equipment, supplies and more. Kids can get a free mineral kit and learn about the process of identifying it. Do you have a cool rock or mineral specimen, but don't know what it is? Bring it in to the experts. The indoor event will take place rain or shine and food will be available. See both of their ads in today's paper. Call (734) 699-7002.

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Sad to say that everything must go at our Belleville Kmart on Rawsonville Road, as the store begins it store-closing sale now through the middle of December, we're told. Take 30% off all toys, games, and dolls, 40% off patio furniture, bras, and footwear, 40-60% off fashion clothing, and 70% off all fine gold, silver, and diamonds. Discounts are available at this location only and not online. See their full-page ad in today's paper. Kmart is also looking for a full- and part-time seasonal help during the liquidation period. Apply in the store or at jobs.sears.com .

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This weekend is the New Boston Applefest with craft and vendors up and down Huron River Drive, craft shows at St. Stephens Catholic Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, apple pie sales nearly everywhere and much more. The Huron Sportsman's Association's Applefest Steak Fry will be held on Saturday, from 2 p.m. until sold out at their location at 19835 Sterling Street. The event will provide parking and shuttle service to the Applefest venue, raffle baskets, bar, and other activities. The Applefest parade returns this year following a couple of years on hiatus because of the Waltz Bridge Construction.

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Sumpter Parks & Recreation October Turkey Shoots continue this Sunday at the Police Firing Range on West Willow Road. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. with the competition at noon. Prizes include turkeys, hams, bacon, and dollar rounds. Ammo will be provided. Call Don Swinson at (734) 674-4980. Be sure to see their ad in today's paper.

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Everything is over 50% off and the sale continues at Threads & Treasures Quilt Shop at 129 South St. Items include fabric, patterns, notions, books, quilts, shelving, and much more. Call (734) 697-9376.

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Be sure to check out the half-page ad for next Saturday's Harvest Fest, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. along Main Street, between Roys Street and 4th Street and at the 4th Street Square. Events and activities will take place at the library and museum with the final Farmer's Market and crafters show, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. across the street in the square. There are also more Booville activities scheduled in October and various locations in and around town, wrapping up with the annual Trick or Treat Main Street event on Oct. 31. Visit www.buyitinbelleville.com .

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Congratulations to the Belleville High School Varsity Football team as it improved to 5-0 with a 55-0 victory over Wayne Memorial on Sept. 27. In five games, the Tigers have outscored their opponents 237-34, including three shutouts. Tomorrow Belleville travels to Dearborn Fordson at 7 p.m. Go Tigers!

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no charge to be in this column.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 522 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Sept. 22:

0104 – noise complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
0126 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
0146 – suspicious person/vehicle, Revere Dr.
0403 – suspicious person/vehicle, Park Estates Dr.
0452 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0954 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1047 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
1130 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
1150 – larceny, Marlowe Ave.
1400 – larceny from auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1544 – animal complaint, Jeremy Rd.
1607 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1615 – assist other dept., Owen
1633 – larceny, Marlowe Ave.
1724 – dumping complaint, Belleville Rd.
1748 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1936 – domestic, Beacon Trl.
2044 – family trouble, N. Woodbury Dr.
2056 – noise complaint, Lauren Ct.
2119 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2158 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2303 – family trouble, Country Walk Blvd.

Monday, Sept. 23:

0435 – 911 welfare check, E. Archwood Dr.
0535 – threat, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0710 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
0810 – property damage accident, N. Woodbury
1044 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor/Ecorse
1203 – property damage accident, Yost
1529 – fraud, Hannan Rd.
1637 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1655 – neighbor trouble, Cross St.
1706 – lost property/child, Rawsonville Rd.
1755 – domestic, Jeremy Rd.
1813 – threat, Winchester St.
1927 – disorderly, W. Huron River Dr.
1936 – juvenile complaint, Arborview Ln.
2046 – assault & battery, Independence Ln.
2051 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2107 – larceny, Outer Dr.
2131 – domestic, Tyler Rd.
2135 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
2151 – suspicious person/vehicle, Winchester St.
2344 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Archwood

Tuesday, Sept. 24:

0211 – property damage accident, W. Huron River
0253 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0333 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0350 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
0422 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
0643 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Dartmoor Cir.
0742 – suspicious person/vehicle, Crowley Ave.
0853 – mental subject, Ayres Ave.
0908 – threat, Spruce Ln.
0941 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
1055 – malicious destruction of property, Tyler Rd
1114 – domestic, Kouza Ct.
1353 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd.
1554 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1641 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1659 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
1735 – threat, Robson Rd.
1743 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
1902 – malicious destruction of property, Hull Rd.
1952 – harassment call, Hull Rd.
2011 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan/I-275
2118 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
2211 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 25:

0056 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0102 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
0209 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green
0527 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0751 – malicious destruction of property, Outer Dr
0806 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0950 – suspicious person/vehicle, Old Michigan
1021 – unattended death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1130 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1154 – private property impound, Sylvia Dr.
1158 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1327 – shooting, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1447 – abandoned auto, Christina Ln.
1616 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1639 – neighbor trouble, Bak Rd.
1707 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1712 – larceny from auto, N. Cumberland Dr.
1729 – malicious destruction of property, Brookview Dr.
1754 – 911 welfare check, Elwell Rd.
1844 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
2004 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Jeremy Rd.
2039 – suspicious person/vehicle, Winchester St.
2122 – noise complaint, Marlowe Ave.

Thursday, Sept. 26:

0155 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0326 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
0357 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse
0621 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0722 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0730 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0813 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
0816 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd.
0957 – private property/property damage accident / W. Archwood Dr.
1121 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren Ln.
1131 – larceny, Old Denton/Denton Cemetery
1209 – suicidal person, Spruce Ln.
1229 – animal complaint, Country Walk Blvd. / Savage Rd.
1241 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1330 – personal injury accident, Martz Rd.
1347 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1516 – suicidal person, Westlake Cir.
1528 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1555 – holdup alarm, Van Born
1844 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1910 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
1955 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
2011 – shooting, Parkwood Dr.
2021 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2026 – juvenile complaint, Maple Dr.
2047 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pebblebrook Dr.
2116 – private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2122 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hull/Hoeft
2130 – shooting, Colony Ln.
2221 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
2224 – threat, Winding Pond Dr.

Friday, Sept. 27:

0939 – animal complaint, SB I-275/Ecorse
1041 – juvenile complaint, McBride
1105 – juvenile complaint, McBride
1132 – malicious destruction, Rogers Ave.
1139 – animal complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
1314 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1344 – suicidal person, Assembly St.
1433 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1548 – fraud, Castell
1606 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/Tyler
1640 – mental subject, Hull Rd.
1723 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
1837 – harassment call, Winchester St.
1957 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville
2156 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.
2215 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2326 – assault & battery, Hamilton St.

Saturday, Sept. 28:

0010 – found property/child, Michigan Ave. / Rawsonville Rd.
0130 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0341 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
0409 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd.
0442 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0724 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wheeler St.
0748 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
0739 – larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
0935 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
1037 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.
1122 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1134 – family trouble, Belleville Rd.
1144 – domestic, Beacon Trl.
1215 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1219 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1254 – malicious destruction of property, Freedom Way
1551 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
1620 – larceny from auto, Wildrye Ct.
1622 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1817 – juvenile complaint, Revere Dr.
2100 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
2122 – domestic, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2149 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
2211 – noise complaint, Forestdale Dr.
2258 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
2311 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2318 – noise complaint, Stratford Dr.
2333 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.

Also on this week's log are 176 traffic stops, 32 of which were on the I-275 and I-94 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 22:

0100 – assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.
0101 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
0856 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
1615 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1625 – neighbor trouble, Carmell St.
1800 – family trouble, Anaheim
1821 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1938 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.
1951 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.
2058 – suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park Dr.
2306 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.

Monday, Sept. 23:

0542 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0645 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0947 – assist fire dept., Second St.
1104 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1235 – threat, W. Columbia Ave.
1248 – vehicle lockout, E. Columbia Ave.
1315 – hospice death, Second St.
1414 – civil matter, San Carlos St.
1454 – private property impound, South St.
1852 – family trouble, E. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, Sept. 24:

0054 – intrusion alarm, South St.
0937 – civil matter, South St.
1059 – warrant arrest, Sumpter/Bemis
1128 – neighbor trouble, Santa Clara St.
1135 – suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park Dr.
1450 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
2057 – vehicle lockout, Belle Villa Blvd.

Wednesday, Sept. 25:

0410 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
0838 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1042 – vehicle lock out, Main St.
1415 – threat, High St.
1625 – fraud, Main St.

Thursday, Sept. 26:

0104 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0154 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harbour Pointe Dr. / W. Huron River Dr.
0226 – suspicious person/vehicle, Second St.
0907 – intrusion alarm, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1049 – traffic offense, High/Main
1134 – traffic offense, W. Columbia/Harbour Pointe
1308 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
1311 – miscellaneous complaint, San Carlos St.
1903 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
2023 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, Sept. 27:

0754 – assist fire dept., E. Waterbury Ct.
0852 – disorderly, McBride
0930 – domestic, Carmell St.
0937 – lost property/child, Belleville/Denton
1150 – assist fire dept., Denton/Belleville
1414 – assist fire dept., Second St.
1628 – property damage accident, Main/Fifth
2020 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln.
2141 – traffic offense, Bedell St.
2315 – vehicle lock out, Light Tower Dr.

Saturday, Sept. 28:

0419 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0801 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
1054 – traffic offense, High St./Roys St.
1124 – traffic offense, Main St.
1139 – traffic offense, Liberty/First
1139 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
1202 – traffic offense, Main/Third
1214 – follow up by officer, Main St.
1350 – juvenile complaint, Village Park
1559 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1734 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1834 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2049 – traffic offense, Main/Fourth
2105 – traffic offense, West Columbia Ave.
2130 – juvenile complaint, Estrada Dr.
2342 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Also on this week's log are 45 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 22:

0058 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Willis
0408 – suspicious incident, Judd/Elwell
1043 – malicious destruction of property, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1421 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1449 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1518 – shots fired, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1533 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1809 – assist other agency, Martinsville/Arkona
1947 – property damage accident, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
2123 – warrant arrest pick up, Sumpter/Bemis
2247 – warrant arrest pick up, Bemis/Sully

Monday, Sept. 23:

0137 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0827 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz Rd.
1225 – juvenile complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1237 – dumping complaint, Birch/Butternut
1818 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.

Tuesday, Sept. 24:

1023 – warrant arrest pick up, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1106 – trespassing complaint, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1259 – fraud complaint, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1303 – suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1354 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1356 – assist other agency, Savage/Haggerty
1502 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1615 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1715 – neighbor dispute, Wayside Dr.
1724 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2040 – suspicious incident, Greenmeadow

Wednesday, Sept. 25:

0225 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0246 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0727 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0932 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.
1204 – juvenile complaint, Hampshire Dr.
1428 – alarm, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1431 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 Elwell Rd.
1538 – traffic hazard, Clark/Oakville Waltz
1714 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1759 – reckless driver, Carleton West/Wear
1837 – shots fired, Rawsonville/Judd
1858 – fire dept. assist, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1954 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1958 – suspicious vehicle, Wear/Haggerty
2031 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville

Thursday, Sept. 26:

0359 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0449 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0726 – suspicious incident, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0753 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1139 – suspicious person, Judd/Wilmot
1143 – juvenile complaint, 46000 bl. Reed
1408 – suspicious vehicle, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1510 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1609 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1724 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
1749 – neighbor dispute, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
1906 – ORV complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2209 – well-being check, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Friday, Sept. 27:

0402 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0550 – threats complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0837 – family trouble, Hampshire Dr.
1024 – suspicious incident, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1039 – traffic hazard, Sumpter/Willow
1129 – breaking & entering, Montana
1154 – reckless driver, Sumpter/Judd
1619 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1637 – traffic hazard, Willis/Rawsonville
1759 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.
2015 – subpoena service, 18000 bl. Martinsville
2020 – fire dept. assist, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 28:

0048 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
0528 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER
Registration Starts @ 11:30 a.m.
October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
Police Firing Range at Old Landfill on W. Willow Rd. (Between Sumpter & Elwell Road)
Rules: 12, 16, 20 Gauge Shotguns - 30" Barrel Max., NO Scopes
410 Shotgun (Kids 12 & under only)
Prizes: Turkey, Ham, Bacon & $$ rounds
Ammo provided

Hills celebrate Oct. 1

Pastor William and Martha Hill of Sumpter Township celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on Oct. 1. The Hills were married in Toledo in 1955.

Their son and his wife, William Bernard and Angela Hill, celebrated their 32nd anniversary, also on Oct. 1. William and Angela were married in Sumpter in 1987 with Pastor Hill presiding.

BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Oct. 3**: Freshman Football vs Fordson HS, 4:30 p.m.; JV Football vs Fordson HS, 6:30 p.m.

• **Monday, Oct. 7:** Boys JV Soccer vs KLAA Crossover, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer vs KLAA Crossover, 7 p.m.

Diane Kiessel
BHS Athletic Secretary

Oct. 7 – Bailey Millard
Oct. 12 – Korena Johnson
Oct. 15 – Nelson Po

Do you have a birthday in October? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1013 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1316 – civil dispute, Hampshire Dr.
1617 – property damage accident, Willis/Lohr
1724 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2058 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Willow
2217 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.

Also on this week's log are three follow-up investigations, 24 miscellaneous details, 46 patrol checks, and 48 traffic stops.

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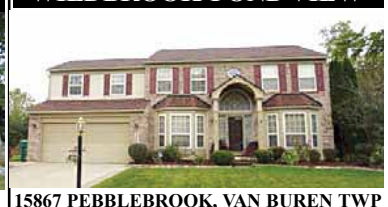
EXTRA FEATURES

13731 ELWELL, VAN BUREN TWP
LARGER 5 BEDROOM, 3 Bath Ranch with Large Living Room, Fireplace, Solarium Room, Deck, Basement, Newer Roof, Newer 90+ Furnace and Central Air, Separate Living Area with Bedroom, Bath and Second Kitchen. $250,000

BOOMING WITH ROOM

48024 BEMIS, VAN BUREN TWP
ORIGINAL OWNER 2,500 Square Foot Brick Colonial Offering 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Hardwood Floors Everywhere, Large Family Room with Fireplace, Basement, Huge Fenced Yard, 2 1/2 Car Garage. $250,000

WILDBROOK POND VIEW



15867 PEBBLEBROOK, VAN BUREN TWP
PAMPERED AND UPGRADED BY THE ORIGINAL OWNER. Bigger 2,392 Square Foot Home with Quartz Kitchen, Extra Hardwood Floors, Extra Brick Option, Newer Roof, Brick Paver Patio. WOW Just Listed at $265,000

BELLEVILLE LAKE

13209 ORMOND, VAN BUREN TWP
LAKEFRONT COMING SOON! Brick and Vinyl 3 Bedroom, 2 1/2 Baths, Deck, Patio, Walkout Lower Level, 2 Fireplaces, Wet Bar, Dock, Open Views to Waterfront from Both Levels. Priced to Sell at $359,000.

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13713 BASSWOOD, VAN BUREN
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23560 SUMPTER, SUMPTER TWP
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1 ACRE + POLE BARN

17164 RENTON, VAN BUREN TWP
LARGE COUNTRY HOME on more than an Acre. Just minutes from expressways and shopping. Open Floor Plan with Huge Rooms, Wood Flooring, Fireplace, Rear Patio, Fire Pit with 2 1/2 Car Detached Garage PLUS Pole Barn. A Quite and Serene Setting with Mature Trees and the Best of Nature. $219,900.

PRIME LOCATION

18571 SAVAGE, SUMPTER TWP
ONE BEAUTIFUL YARD With Open Space, A Natural Pesticide Free Garden and Mature Trees. 1,762 Square Foot Updated Colonial featuring 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, New Carpet and Paint, Open Kitchen and More. 1 Plus Acres on Paved Street Just Listed and Priced to Sell at $209,900

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